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SUBJECT: PROSECUTION OF COLOMBIAN CITIZEN JOSE ALVARO
CORDOBA BOJASSEN.

FOR MR. LOUIS FIELDS.

1. IN 1972 THE PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA DECLINED TO EXTRADITE COLOMBIAN CITIZEN JOSE ALVARO CORDOBA BOJASSEN TO THE UNITED STATES AFTER THE FINDING OF HIS EXTRADITABILITY WAS UPHELD BY THE HIGHEST COURT IN COLOMBIA. THE PRESIDENT HOWEVER PROMISED THAT HE WOULD SEEK PROSECUTION OF THE FUGITIVE IN COLOMBIA FOR THE CRIMES FOR WHICH HE WAS CONVICTED IN THE UNITED STATES. THE FUGITIVE, A FORMER COLOMBIAN DIPLOMAT, WAS CONVICTED IN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK FOR TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTICS. HE FLED WHILE OUT ON BOND PENDING APPEAL.

2. AS A RESULT OF THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FORWARDED ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF THE FUGITIVE'S GUILT, INCLUDING THE ENTIRE TRIAL TRANSCRIPT. AS OF THIS DATE, DEPARTMENT UNAWARE WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, WAS EVER TAKEN

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AGAINST THE FUGITIVE IN COLOMBIA. UNLESS EMBASSY PERCEIVES

OBJECTION, YOU REQUESTED RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH APPROPRIATE
COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES WITH VIEW OBTAINING STATUS REPORT AND

REASONS FOR FAILURE TO TAKE ACTION, IF NONE YET TAKEN. WE
WOULD PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE OBTAINING CONFIRMATION THAT
EVIDENCE SUBMITTED IS IN FACT SUFFICIENT FOR LOCAL PROSECU-
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